

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Excellent  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Good

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 28. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.  
*(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)*

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Excellent	Good
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	74.2	84.9	85.1	67.8	73.6	74.8
• Passed 2 subtests	13.6	10.7	8.2	17.2	15.0	14.3
• Passed 1 subtest	10.0	3.9	4.1	9.7	7.8	7.2
• Passed no subtests	2.3	0.5	2.6	5.2	3.6	3.7

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	25.4%	26.3%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	25.4%	27.7%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	47.0%	53.8%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	90.7%	25.4%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	62.5%	8.3%	
Students without disabilities	92.8%	26.6%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	88.5%	24.2%	
Female	92.5%	26.6%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	85.2%	5.9%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	92.6%	34.4%	
Other	85.7%	20.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	81.1%	3.1%	
Pay for lunch	92.4%	30.1%	

#### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	67.0%
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	44.0%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,311	N/A	\$4,972	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	93.8%	Up from 91.3%	91.0%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	30.5 to 1	N/A	26.9 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=928)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	38.5%	N/A	53.3%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	97.5%	Down from 98.0%	95.6%	95.3%
• Retention rate	4.1%	Down from 9.4%	8.3%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=58)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.1 Days	Up from 7.1	7.4 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	97.5%	Up from 94.5%	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	62.1%	Up from 56.7%	56.3%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	93.1%	Up from 91.8%	81.6%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	2.0%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	91.6%	Down from 92.2%	86.2%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$41,397	Up 8.6%	\$38,415	\$38,125

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	2.3%	Down from 3.2%	3.0%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	52.5%	N/A	58.1%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	61.7%	N/A	50.9%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	11.2%	Down from 11.4%	8.7%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	15	N/A	30	29
• Gifted and talented	12.9%	Down from 15.4%	10.7%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	10.7%	Up from 9.5%	9.9%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	1.6%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	408	N/A	416	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	44.8%	N/A	23.1%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a good year at Seneca High School. We are proud of our students' accomplishments in academics, the arts, and athletics. Students engaged in a number of service activities and set an example for students in other schools and in our community. Some of our accomplishments include the following:

The average 2000 SAT scores were well above the national average;  
Seniors were offered more than 1.3 million dollars in scholarships;  
Two seniors were selected as National Merit Scholar finalists, forty-seven percent were eligible for Life Scholarships, six were named Palmetto Scholars, and one senior was awarded a Robert C. Byrd Scholarship;  
BSAP Exit Exam 2000 scores continue to exceed the state average;  
Several SHS art and choral students were accepted into the SC Governor's School for the Arts Residential Program; the SHS Honors Chorale was named 3A Division champions at the State Choral Festival and twenty-three choral students were chosen for the SC All-State Chorus; the band received a superior rating; Seneca High's JROTC Bobcat Battalion was designated as an Honor Unit with Distinction for the seventh consecutive year;  
The Seneca LadyCats basketball team finished the season as 3A upper state champs; the Seneca Mat Cats were 3A upper state champions; the SHS Boys Track team won the 3A state title for the second consecutive year; the Girls Softball team won the 3A state championship; and one of our LadyCats was named as the American General 3A Miss Basketball for SC.

We are delighted to report that SHS Service Learning students completed over 7500 hours of community service in 1999-00 and 57 students received the President's Service Award. One of our students was also named Oconee County Youth Volunteer of the Year 2000. Additionally, 260 of our students participated in Job Shadowing Day.

Several faculty members were recognized for their professional achievements. Two SHS teachers achieved national board certification and three coaches were named as SC Coach of the Year for their respective sports in Division 3A.

A special thank you to our parents and community for working together to make our campus beautification day a huge success.  
Randy Counts

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	72.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	98.3	85.5	
Satisfied with home-school relations	86.4	85.8	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Seneca Senior High  
100 Bobcat Ridge  
Seneca, SC 29678

**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 928 Students

### Principal

Mr. Randy Counts 864-885-5000

### Superintendent

Buddy Garrett Herring 864-638-4000

### Board Chair

Harry B. Mays, Jr. 864-972-2136

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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